

me, Mary Sommermyer, that we use the words beneficial uses in both places in the statute. I concur with that, because we could get into a position where the courts could say, for quantity you're going to use beneficial uses, for quality you're going to use the present purposes, and it's all in the same control area trying to do the same thing, you have two different sets of rules to what to do with the same water. Just changing this to beneficial uses is very beneficial for this bill and we should do it by accepting my amendment. But further, Mr. Speaker, at this stage in the game we should be very careful about putting amendments on this very important legislation and they should be amendments that this whole body has an understanding of, as we do in the amendment that I'm proposing. Now, if we do this as we're doing underneath the balcony, we're going to write some bad law into very important water control legislation. It would appear to me that the more proper thing to do would be to skip that whole amendment at this time and handle the bill, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair is going to call a five minute recess, and will the Legislature be at Ease for five minutes until we get two or three areas straightened out. Pending further discussion on 26, the Chair rules that we will pass over 26 and proceed to 187, adopt an amendment, try to advance that bill and then adjourn. So, Senator Maresh, on 187, do you have an amendment? Is it on the Clerk's desk?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Is it in the Journal?

SENATOR MARESH: No. I passed out copies though, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. The motion is the adoption of the Maresh amendment to 187. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, the amendment to this bill deals with the Extension Service...County Extension Service to allow them to use thirty thousand instead of fifteen thousand as a ceiling. This amendment was adopted on Senator Warner's bill last year on LB 42, and then there were some technical problems with the bill and it failed to pass, and Senator Warner knows about this amendment. He agrees with me on this, and the reason I'm doing this is because, in 1977 the Agriculture and Environment Committee introduced LB 646 that did practically the same thing, and the previous interim we held hearings over the whole state to see if this should be done, and we received no opposition to this proposal. We held hearings in various parts of the state to allow the public to be heard on the Extension Service and we had a real good report that they are